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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV ON DISSIDENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. DURING VISIT TO EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION APRIL 17,
SAKHAROV AND HIS WIFE PROVIDED EMBOFFS WITH FOLLOWING IN-
FORMATION CONCERNING THE DISSIDENT FRONT:

-- THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST TVERDOKH-
LEBOV'S WIFE AND MOTHER WERE SEARCHED BY THE KGB ON APRIL
14; TVERDOKHLEBOV HIMSELF HAS THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL
IN SEEKING PERMISSION TO RESIDE WITH HIS FAMILY IN MOSCOW,
BUT HAS NOT ESTABLISHED LEGAL RESIDENCE ELSEWHERE; SAKHAROV
FEARS TVERDOKHLEBOV MAY BE ARRESTED;

-- SAKHAROV AND HIS WIFE HAVE NO RECENT INFORMATION ON THE
CASES OF SHCHARANSKIY, ORLOV AND GINZBURG; TO THEIR KNOW-
LEDGE, THE QUESTION OF SHCHARANSKIY'S DEFENSE ATTORNEY IS
STILL NOT RESOLVED; THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE DEFENSE ATTOR-
NIES FOR ORLOV AND GINZBURG ARE STILL FAMILIARIZING THEM-
SELVES WITH THE MATERIALS OF THE RESPECTIVE CASES.

2. MRS. SAKHAROV NOTED THAT SHE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO VISIT
HER EYE DOCTOR IN ITALY FOR A CHECK-UP IN AUGUST. SHE HAS
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APPLIED TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR AN EXIT VISA FOR THIS
PURPOSE BUT HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO REPLY.

3. SAKHAROV SAID THAT TELEPHONE SERVICE IN HIS APARTMENT
HAS BEEN AT LEAST PARTIALLY RESTORED: ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT
MAKE INTERNATIONAL CALLS, HE SOMETIMES RECEIVES CALLS FROM
ABROAD; CALLS TO HIS APARTMENT FROM WITHIN THE USSR SOME-

TIMES ARE PUT THROUGH, SOMETIMES NOT. TOON

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